

**Heber City Corporation
City Council Meeting**

September 19, 2013

6:00 p.m.

WORK MEETING

The Council of Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, met in **Work Meeting** on September 19, 2013, in the City Council Chambers at 75 North Main Street, Heber City, Utah.

Present:

Mayor
Council Members

David R. Phillips
Robert Patterson
Alan McDonald
Benny Mergist
Jeffery Bradshaw
Erik Rowland

Also Present:

City Manager
City Recorder
Planning Director
Chief of Police

Mark K. Anderson
Michelle Kellogg
Anthony Kohler
David Booth

Others Present: Larry Newhall, Rod Hopkins, and others whose names were illegible.

Mayor Phillips opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Discuss Retail Lock Box Service for Utility Payments: Mayor Phillips explained that this service would enable customers to mail their payments to a unique zip code and the payments would be processed and uploaded to the City database. Anderson stated if the City went with this program, new statements would need to be printed so the barcodes would be compatible with the processing center's system. He added that the service would free up time for other projects, and when other staff covered for that office, they would not need to spend as much time filling in and would be able to focus on their own work. Council Member Rowland asked how the charge for credit card use compared to the per check processing fee. Anderson indicated the check fee was cheaper than the credit card payment fee. Council Member Rowland asked if it was customary to charge a fee for the credit card and lockbox service because he felt these service fees could not be discriminative. Council Member McDonald stated money would be saved by freeing up staff time so new employees would not need to be hired. Anderson indicated all department heads felt that their resources were stretched thin, and this service could at least help in the Treasurer's office. The Council agreed to move forward with the lock box service.

Discuss Need to Replace the Hospital Well Cooling System: Anderson stated Tozier was concerned that the existing cooling unit was not adequately sized. He explained that a lot of grit comes up with the water, causing the pump to overheat and shut down. These shutdowns were becoming more frequent. It was indicated the cooling system was used to cool the motor which pumped out the water from the well. The Council agreed to have the cooling system replaced.

Discuss Budget Amendment to Create Account for Undistributed Board Compensation:

Anderson clarified that his staff report wasn't completely accurate, in that the decision on how to spend this compensation would be determined by the Council. Council Member McDonald preferred that the money stay in the General Fund but be earmarked, similar to other funds such as the Legislative Fund or City Manager's Fund. Council Member Rowland preferred having a separate account so the Council could see how much was available in the account for special projects. Council Members Rowland, Bradshaw, and Mergist were in favor of having a separate account. Council Member Rowland commented that the compensation could be added to the Legislative Fund and the balance brought forward so the Council was aware of the available balance.

Discuss Mrs. Calls Sewer Lateral: Anderson explained that when the City property was sold to Mrs. Calls, the City indicated there was a sewer lateral. Upon commencement of construction, it was determined the lateral was not in place. The work was done without consulting the City and a bill was sent to the City in the amount of \$11,000+ for the installation of the sewer lateral. Anderson felt that figure was too high and included other aspects of the construction. An adjusted bill was then sent to the City for \$8,000+. Anderson, Tozier, and Mumford went out to the property and felt there was still cause for concern with that amount.

Anderson asked if the Council would consider paying for the lateral. Council Member McDonald felt the City should pay since it was sold with that assumption, but Mrs. Calls should have notified the City before the work was done. The Council agreed. Anderson asked what amount the City should be liable for. Council Member Rowland thought the City should have a policy in place for situations such as this, since this put the City in a difficult situation. Anderson stated the City had such a policy for contractors. Mayor Phillips commented people would still appeal to the City Council, even if a generic policy was in place. Anderson noted there was not a big expense for materials with this project, with most of the costs coming from labor and excavation. Council Member Rowland was comfortable with staff creating a bid and paying from that bid. Council Members Patterson and Bradshaw agreed.

Discuss Police Vehicle Bids: Anderson stated Chief Booth collected bids for new police vehicles. Two pickup trucks from Spencer Auto would be purchased because they matched the State bid. Chief Booth stated the State bid for an Interceptor SUV was \$26,300, and the local bid came in at \$26,800 per vehicle. To purchase the four budgeted SUVs, it would cost an additional \$2,000 to buy from the local dealer. The Council agreed to buy from the local dealer.

Discuss Request for Right-of-Way Repair: Anderson passed out an estimate from J. Carroll, a pavement sealing company, and explained a property owner sent this bill to the City. While asphaltting the City street, a trackhoe ran over this piece of right-of-way that the owner had paved in front of his home, and damaged it. After discussing the issue with Mumford, Anderson felt it was City property and the City shouldn't be held liable for the damage. Council Member McDonald thought the contractor should be held liable. Council Members Rowland and Patterson agreed. It was decided to have Mumford suggest that the property owner seek recourse with the contractor.

In another issue, Anderson asked how the City could reach out to former Council members to get a Heber Light and Power board payment to them reimbursed back to Heber Light and Power, specifically from Nile Horner and the FICA tax from Eric Straddeck. Mayor Phillips felt that

these men should be notified by mail so there was an audit trail. It was decided that the City attorney should sign the letter.

Board Reports by Council Members: No reports were given.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder

APPROVED 10/3/2013